

To: Joint Committee on Finance

From: Bob Lang, Director
Legislative Fiscal Bureau

ISSUE

Municipal Dam Repair and Removal Grant Program (DNR -- Fish, Wildlife and Recreational Aids)

CURRENT LAW

The Department of Natural Resources has administered the municipal dam repair and removal grant program since it was created in 1989 Act 31. This program provides grants to counties, cities, villages, towns and public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts that own dams that have been inspected by DNR and where directives have been issued to repair or remove the dams. The program provides 50% matching grants with a limit of \$200,000 per project. The program is funded at \$9.5 million (\$5,500,000 in general fund supported bonding and \$4,000,000 in segregated revenue supported bonding). Debt service from the segregated revenue supported bonding is paid from the water resources account of the conservation fund. The program has awarded grants for approximately 70 projects.

GOVERNOR

No provision.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. Since the creation of the municipal dam repair and removal grant program in the 1989-91 biennial budget, the Legislature has provided additional funding for the program in the three subsequent biennia, as shown in the table below.

Municipal Dam Repair and Removal Bonding Authorization
(\$ in Millions)

<u>Biennium</u>	<u>Bonding</u>
1989-91	\$2.5
1991-93	3.0
1993-95	3.0
1995-97	<u>1.0</u>
Total	\$9.5

2. Bonding from the 1995-97 budget was committed to projects with applications submitted by April 1, 1996. The Department indicates it has approximately \$250,000 remaining in the program from repair and removal projects that did not use all of the allocated funds. DNR received seven applications for repair and removal projects by April 1, 1997. The potential state cost-share for these seven projects is estimated to be \$854,500. Depending on the costs of the projects approved, DNR indicates that one or two of the 1997 applicants would be funded with the remaining \$250,000. If additional funds are provided, more grants could be awarded (that is, for the five or six currently unfunded projects, if all meet program criteria, and for future applicants).

3. The Department indicates that demand would support approximately \$1 million annually in dam repair and removal projects. The Committee could provide another \$2 million in segregated revenue supported bonding for additional projects in the 1997-99 biennium. Debt service on \$2 million in bonding would be approximately \$176,000 annually beginning in 1998-99 for 20 years (\$3.5 million in total).

4. Under SB 77 and Joint Finance action to date, the water resources account (motorboat gas tax) is estimated to have a balance of \$2.2 million on June 30, 1999. Alternatively, the Committee could provide \$2 million from the water resources account on a one-time basis to cash fund dam repair and removal projects in the 1997-99 biennium.

ALTERNATIVES TO BASE

1. Provide an additional \$2 million in segregated revenue (water resources account) supported bonding (with estimated debt service of \$176,000 SEG in 1998-99) for the municipal dam repair and removal grant program.

<u>Alternative 1</u>	<u>BR</u>	<u>SEG</u>
1997-99 FUNDING (Change to Base)	\$2,000,000	\$176,000
[Change to Bill]	\$2,000,000	\$176,000]

2. Provide \$1 million annually from the water resources account in 1997-99 only for the municipal dam repair and removal grant program.

<u>Alternative 2</u>	<u>SEG</u>
1997-99 FUNDING (Change to Base)	\$2,000,000
[Change to Bill]	\$2,000,000]

3. Take no action.

MO#

Alt 1

Prepared by: Russ Kava

BURKE	Y	N	A
DECKER	Y	N	A
GEORGE	Y	N	A
JAUCH	Y	N	A
WINEKE	Y	N	A
SHIBILSKI	Y	N	A
COWLES	Y	N	A
PANZER	Y	N	A
JENSEN	Y	N	A
OURADA	Y	N	A
HARSDORF	Y	N	A
ALBERS	Y	N	A
GARD	Y	N	A
KAUFERT	Y	N	A
LINTON	Y	N	A
COGGS	Y	N	A

AYE 13 NO 2 ABS 1

NATURAL RESOURCES -- FISH, WILDLIFE AND RECREATIONAL AIDS

Chair Factory Dam

Motion:

Move to require the Department of Natural Resources to spend the amount necessary, up to \$254,000 SEG, from the recreational boating facilities aids appropriation for the removal or repair of the Chair Factory Dam in Grafton, Wisconsin.

Note:

In the 1995-97 biennial budget, DNR was required to expend up to \$264,000 in 1995-96 for the renovation and repair of the Chair Factory Dam. To date, \$9,900 has been encumbered for an engineering analysis. This motion would reauthorize the spending of the remainder of the money and include removal as well as repair of the dam as an eligible cost.

MO#

3066

BURKE	(Y)	N	A
DECKER	(Y)	N	A
GEORGE	(Y)	N	A
JAUCH	(Y)	N	A
WINEKE	(Y)	N	A
SHIBILSKI	(Y)	N	A
COWLES	(Y)	N	A
PANZER	(Y)	N	A
JENSEN	(Y)	N	A
OURADA	(Y)	N	A
HARSDORF	(Y)	N	A
ALBERS	(Y)	N	A
GARD	(Y)	N	A
KAUFERT	(Y)	N	A
LINTON	(Y)	N	A
COGGS	(Y)	N	A

AYE 16 NO 0 ABS 0

NATURAL RESOURCES -- FISH, WILDLIFE AND RECREATIONAL AIDS

Municipal Dam Repair and Removal Program (Paper #604)

Motion:

Move to alter the current dam repair and removal program to allow DNR to provide grants for up to 90% of project cost up to \$350,000 per grant when the property affected by the dams impoundment is primarily owned by the state (66% or more) and state property immediately within the impoundment area would be significantly devalued by the dam's removal.

MO# 11698

BURKE	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
DECKER	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
GEORGE	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
JAUCH	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
WINEKE	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
SHIBILSKI	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
COWLES	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
PANZER	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
JENSEN	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
OURADA	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
HARSDORF	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
ALBERS	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
GARD	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
KAUFERT	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
LINTON	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
COGGS	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A

AYE 16 NO 0 ABS 0

NATURAL RESOURCES

Dam Repair and Removal (Paper #604)

Motion:

Move to provide \$350,000 in segregated revenue (water resources account) supported bonding as follows: (a) \$250,000 as part of the municipal dam repair and removal program for grants for the removal of smaller dams and the restoration of streams and rivers; and (b) \$100,000 for the removal of abandoned dams. Define small dam as those less than 15 feet wide and that create impoundments of 50 acre/feet or less. Require DNR to promulgate rules to determine distribution of the funding.

Note:

Debt service for the bonding provided would be an estimated \$30,900 annually (for 20 years) beginning in 1998-99.

[Change to Base: \$350,000 BR and \$30,900 SEG]

[Change to Bill: \$350,000 BR and \$30,900 SEG]

MO# 1695

1 BURKE	(Y)	N	A
2 DECKER	(Y)	N	A
GEORGE	(Y)	N	A
JAUCH	(Y)	N	A
WINEKE	(Y)	N	A
SHIBILSKI	(Y)	N	A
COWLES	(Y)	N	A
PANZER	(Y)	N	A
JENSEN	(Y)	N	A
OURADA	(Y)	N	A
HARSDORF	(Y)	N	A
ALBERS	(Y)	N	A
GARD	(Y)	N	A
KAUFERT	(Y)	N	A
LINTON	(Y)	N	A
COGGS	(Y)	N	A

AYE 16 NO 0 ABS 0

NATURAL RESOURCES -- FISH, WILDLIFE AND RECREATIONAL AIDS

Designation of Willow Flowage as Outstanding Resource Water

Motion:

Move to designate the Willow Flowage as an outstanding resource water.

MO# 3093

BURKE	<u>Y</u>	N	A
DECKER	<u>Y</u>	N	A
GEORGE	<u>Y</u>	N	A
JAUCH	<u>Y</u>	N	A
WINEKE	<u>Y</u>	N	A
SHIBILSKI	<u>Y</u>	N	A
COWLES	<u>Y</u>	N	A
PANZER	<u>Y</u>	N	A
JENSEN	<u>Y</u>	N	A
OURADA	<u>Y</u>	N	A
HARSDORF	<u>Y</u>	N	A
ALBERS	<u>Y</u>	N	A
GARD	<u>Y</u>	N	A
KAUFERT	<u>Y</u>	N	A
LINTON	<u>Y</u>	N	A
COGGS	<u>Y</u>	N	A

AYE 16 NO 0 ABS 0

NATURAL RESOURCES/AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Regulation of Private Fish Farming

Motion:

Move to incorporate LRB-2844/P6 into SB 77, which would, generally, assign regulatory oversight of fish farming to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, and repeal provisions related to the regulation of private fish hatcheries by the Department of Natural Resources. The provisions would be effective January 1, 1998.

Fish farms would be defined as facilities at which a person hatches fish eggs or rears fish for the purpose of introduction into the waters of the state, permitting fishing, use as bait or human or animal consumption or for sale to another person to rear for one of those purposes. No person would be able to bring any fish or fish eggs into the state for the purpose of introduction into the waters of the state, for use as bait or for rearing in a fish farm without an annual permit from DATCP and a health certificate for the fish or fish eggs issued by DATCP, another state or a licensed veterinarian. A person who operates a fish farm would be required to obtain a health certificate from DATCP for any fish eggs present or any fish reared on the farm. DATCP would be able to inspect fish and fish eggs in accordance with these permit and certificate requirements to ensure the health of fish and fish eggs. DATCP would specify in rule the fees for these permits and certificates. These fees would be used for animal health inspection and testing and for enforcement of animal health laws by DATCP.

DNR would continue to issue permits for the introduction or stocking of fish in the waters of the state. In addition to a DNR permit, a person would have to be in compliance with DATCP permitting and certificate requirements. When issuing permits, DNR would be required to accept the DATCP health certificate and may not require any additional testing, inspection or investigation be performed concerning the health of the fish. DNR would have to be in compliance with the health requirement of DATCP, although no DATCP permit would be required.

Note:

Under current law, DNR licenses private fish hatcheries. DNR regulates the importation of fish into the state and the stocking of fish in the waters of the state. DNR currently regulates

four classes of private fish hatcheries. Class A fish hatcheries engage in the full range of hatchery activities, including hatching eggs, rearing fish, selling fish or providing public recreational fishing for a fee. Class B hatcheries engage in all the activities of a Class A hatchery except the hatching of eggs. Class C hatcheries are authorized to possess fish and sell fish to Class A license holders or to the public for consumption on the premises and may offer recreational fishing but not for a fee. Class D hatcheries are rearing ponds, and Class D licenses can only be held by Class A or B license holders. This motion would eliminate license requirements for all four classes of hatcheries and shift regulatory oversight of fish farming to DATCP.

DATCP would set annual fees by rule. The agency indicates that it would be able to take on these new responsibilities without additional staff or funding. The fish and wildlife account of the conservation fund would see a revenue reduction of approximately \$20,000 annually. Revenues to DATCP would increase if permit fees are charged.

[Change to Base: -\$30,000 SEG REV]

[Change to Bill: -\$30,000 SEG REV]

MO#

1691

BURKE	Y	N	A
DECKER	Y	N	A
GEORGE	Y	N	A
JAUCH	Y	N	A
WINEKE	Y	N	A
SHIBILSKI	Y	N	A
COWLES	Y	N	A
PANZER	Y	N	A
JENSEN	Y	N	A
OURADA	Y	N	A
HARSDORF	Y	N	A
ALBERS	Y	N	A
GARD	Y	N	A
KAUFERT	Y	N	A
LINTON	Y	N	A
COGGS	Y	N	A

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NO

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ABS

Senator Cowles
Senator Burke
Representative Linton
Representative Ourada

NATURAL RESOURCE -- FISH, WILDLIFE AND RECREATIONAL AIDS

Lake Classification

Motion:

Move to direct the Department of Natural Resources to develop guidelines for classifying lakes. In addition, provide an additional \$700,000 annually in water resources SEG for the lake management grant program to provide grants of up to \$50,000 per county for up to 75% of the costs for the development and implementation of lake classification and subsequent protection programs. In addition, allow DNR to provide grants of up to \$200,000 to nonprofit corporations to provide educational and technical assistance to local units of government and lake management organizations to assist in the development and implementation of lake classification programs.

Note:

Under current law, DNR is authorized to develop a program for classifying lakes and streams by use and to make recommendations to municipalities for protection and development of recreation waters. This motion would direct the Department to develop these guidelines, using such factors as size, depth, shape, crowding potential, watershed size, fish and wildlife populations, water quality, potential for nonpoint source runoff and/or development.

The lake management grant appropriation is funded at \$1,353,300 annually in SB 77.

[Change to Base: \$1,400,000 SEG]

[Change to Bill: \$1,400,000 SEG]

Motion #3110

MO# 3110

BURKE	Y	A
DECKER	Y	A
GEORGE	Y	A
JAUCH	Y	A
WINEKE	Y	A
SHIBILSKI	Y	A
COWLES	Y	A
PANZER	Y	A
JENSEN	Y	A
OURADA	Y	A
HARSDORF	Y	A
ALBERS	Y	A
GARD	Y	A
KAUFERT	Y	A
LINTON	Y	A
COGGS	Y	A

AYE 12 NO 3 ABS 1

NATURAL RESOURCES

Privatization of Lawn Mowing on State Parks

Motion:

Move to direct DNR to utilize private lawn mowing services on state park properties when it is determined that such services are more cost-effective and efficient than other methods and not in conflict with existing contracts.

MO# 3087

BURKE	Y	N	A
DECKER	Y	N	A
GEORGE	Y	N	A
JAUCH	Y	N	A
WINEKE	Y	N	A
SHIBILSKI	Y	N	A
COWLES	Y	N	A
PANZER	Y	N	A
2 JENSEN	Y	N	A
OURADA	Y	N	A
HARSDORF	Y	N	A
ALBERS	Y	N	A
GARD	Y	N	A
KAUFERT	Y	N	A
LINTON	Y	N	A
COGGS	Y	N	A

AYE 7 NO 8 ABS 1

NATURAL RESOURCES

MacKenzie Environmental Education Center

Motion:

Move to provide \$37,500 GPR and 1.0 GPR position annually for a facilities repair worker at the MacKenzie Environmental Education Center in Poynette.

Note:

This motion would restore a position which was deleted in 1995 Act 27.

[Change to Base: \$75,000 GPR and 1.0 GPR position]

[Change to Bill: \$75,000 GPR and 1.0 GPR position]

MO#

1685

BURKE	Y	N	A
2 DECKER	Y	N	A
GEORGE	Y	N	A
JAUCH	Y	N	A
WINEKE	Y	N	A
1 SHIBILSKI	Y	N	A
COWLES	Y	N	A
PANZER	Y	N	A
JENSEN	Y	N	A
OURADA	Y	N	A
HARSDORF	Y	N	A
ALBERS	Y	N	A
GARD	Y	N	A
KAUFERT	Y	N	A
LINTON	Y	N	A
COGGS	Y	N	A

AYE 7 NO 8 ABS 1

NATURAL RESOURCES -- FISH, WILDLIFE AND RECREATIONAL AIDS

Hunting Licenses for Persons Born after January 1, 1973

Motion:

Move to allow a person who is required to have successfully completed the hunter education and firearm safety course established by DNR to show that he or she did so by presenting a hunting approval that he or she was issued in Wisconsin in the last year or to show the certificate of completion for the safety course.

Note:

Under current law, a person born after January 1, 1973, may not be issued any type of hunting license unless the person has successfully completed DNR's hunter education and firearm safety course and presents the certificate of accomplishment issued upon completion of the course. This motion would allow such a person to present either the certificate or a hunting license issued within the past year when purchasing a hunting license.

MO#	1634		
BURKE	Y	N	A
2 DECKER	Y	N	A
GEORGE	Y	N	A
JAUCH	Y	N	A
WINEKE	Y	N	A
SHIBILSKI	Y	N	A
COWLES	Y	N	A
PANZER	Y	N	A
JENSEN	Y	N	A
OURADA	Y	N	A
HARSDORF	Y	N	A
ALBERS	Y	N	A
GARD	Y	N	A
KAUFERT	Y	N	A
LINTON	Y	N	A
COGGS	Y	N	A

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This motion would also prohibit DNR from appraising land outside of the master plan boundaries for a property. DNR indicates that about 5 out of 6,000 appraisals annually fall in this category. Such cases generally involve railroad grades that become available for trails outside of established boundaries or for purchases with significant environmental or conservation benefit that become available (such as flowages). This motion would require the Natural Resources Board to establish a master plan before any appraisals are done.

Also, DNR would be required to assess the value of timber on every property that includes marketable timber. Currently, the value of timber is separately calculated only for those properties that contain a significant amount of timber. The Department indicates that this occurs on less than 5% of appraisals. Requiring timber appraisals on all properties that contain marketable timber would increase the cost of appraisals, since this would require DNR staff or private appraisers to do the assessments. However, appraisals that more fully consider timber values should be more accurate.

Land is currently deemed as surplus if the Natural Resources Board declares that the land is no longer necessary for conservation purposes.

MO# 3095

BURKE	Y	(N)	A
DECKER	Y	(N)	A
GEORGE	Y	(N)	A
JAUCH	Y	(N)	(A)
WINEKE	Y	(N)	A
SHIBILSKI	Y	(N)	A
COWLES	(Y)	(N)	A
PANZER	(Y)	N	A
JENSEN	Y	(N)	A
OURADA	Y	(N)	A
HARSDORF	Y	(N)	A
ALBERS	(Y)	(N)	A
GARD	(Y)	N	A
KAUFERT	(Y)	N	A
LINTON	Y	(N)	A
COGGS	Y	(N)	A

AYE 7 NO 8 ABS 1

NATURAL RESOURCES

Appraisal and Land Sale Requirements

Motion:

Move to require that the Joint Committee on Finance approve funds through a 14-day passive review process before DNR authorizes appraisals for land owned by a single seller for which the appraisal cost would likely exceed \$3,500.

Require that the Joint Committee on Finance approve any DNR appraisals on property that are not wholly or partially within the boundaries of a master plan for a property approved by the Natural Resources Board through a 14-day passive review process.

Require that the value of timber be assessed on every appraisal done by DNR where the property includes marketable timber. In addition, if that timber is subsequently sold, require that the proceeds first be used for any needed improvements to the land or facilities on the property from which the timber is harvested. Remaining proceeds from a timber sale could then be used for other purposes.

Require that any land deemed surplus land by DNR on or after January 1, 1997, must be offered for sale within 18 months of being deemed surplus lands.

Require that, for all land acquired by DNR and later resold, the former owner of the property has first right of refusal at the current appraised value.

Prohibit municipalities from using funding received under the stewardship program to purchase property that is not wholly contained within the boundaries of the municipality.

Require that the Joint Committee on Finance approve any DNR land purchase for which the DNR appraised value differs significantly from an purchase price offered by DNR through a 14-day passive review process.

Note:

This motion would require Joint Finance to approve DNR appraisals that would exceed \$3,500 in cost. DNR indicates that most appraisals cost under \$1,500.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Creation of Illinois Fox River Commission

Motion:

Move to create an Illinois Fox River Commission. A county may appropriate money to the commission, and the commission may solicit gifts, grants and other aid to perform other functions. In addition, allocate \$300,000 in 1997-98 from the recreational boating facilities aids appropriation for an engineering study and dredging. Require the commission to prepare a budget, make it available for public inspection and hold a public hearing on the budget.

A board of commissioners shall govern the commission. The board shall: (a) initiate and coordinate surveys and research projects to gather data relating to the surface waters and groundwaters of the Illinois Fox River basin that are located in a river municipality; (b) maintain a liaison with federal, state and local agencies and other organizations involved in protecting, rehabilitating and managing water resources; (c) provide the public with information on issues related to the surface waters and groundwaters of the Illinois Fox River Basin that are located in a river municipality; and (d) utilize the Wisconsin Conservation Corps to the greatest extent practicable for projects.

The board may also: (a) develop and implement plans or projects to: (1) improve water quality and the scenic, economic and environmental value of the surface waters and groundwaters of the Illinois Fox River basin that are located in a river municipality; (2) protect or enhance the recreational use of the navigable waters of the Illinois Fox River basin or (3) coordinate and integrate county programs or projects for the waters of the county; (b) develop and propose programs or projects to make improvements to the navigable waters of the Illinois Fox River basin located in a river municipality; or (c) create advisory committees as it considers necessary; or (d) promulgate rules necessary to implement the duties and powers granted to the board.

The board shall include: (a) the village presidents of Big Bend, Mukwonago and Waterford, or their designees; (b) the town chairpersons of Waterford, Vernon, Waukesha and Mukwonago or their designees; (c) the mayor of the city of Waukesha, or his or her designee; (d) two residents each of the town of Waterford and Vernon appointed by the town board; (e) one resident of Big Bend appointed by the village board; (f) the county executives of Racine and Waukesha County, or their designees; (g) one representative from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; and (h) one representative of DNR. Provide that: (a) terms of elected officials run concurrently with their terms of office; (b) the terms of residents be two years.

The board may propose to a county board the adoption, modification or rescission of any ordinance or local regulation relating to boating, recreation or safety upon the navigable waters of the Illinois Fox River basin located in a river municipality. The board may propose to a county board minimum standards for local regulations and ordinances for municipalities and the county to protect and rehabilitate the water quality of the surface waters and groundwaters of the Illinois Fox River basin located in a river municipality.

A county board or river municipality may adopt a minimum standard, ordinance or a local regulation, or a modification to or rescission of a standard, an ordinance or a local regulation, as proposed by the board of commissioners. An ordinance, local regulation or minimum standard as adopted by a county board or river municipality shall apply to the county and to any municipality partially or totally within the county and shall supersede any less restrictive and conflicting provision of a minimum standard, ordinance or local regulation adopted by a municipality.

The board shall develop an implementation plan by April 1, 1998. The plan shall include: (a) the appropriation and designation of an engineering study to determine areas for selective dredging; (b) clearing the channel of fallen trees and similar debris; (c) dredging in selected shallow areas of the impoundment area in Waterford; (d) development of a water use plan; (e) operating the dam with a winter drawdown level; (f) streambank erosion protection; (g) automation of the Waterford Dam with upstream sensors; (h) maintenance, protection and improvement of shorelines, banks and beds of navigable waters; (i) access to shoreline recreational areas and facilities; and (j) water safety, navigational and boating regulations. Within three months after the development and submission of the plan, require the Department of Natural Resources and the designated county planning agencies to evaluate the implementation plan to determine if it is adequate to: (a) protect and rehabilitate the water quality of the surface waters and the groundwater of the Illinois Fox River basin that are located in a river municipality; (b) protect and enhance the recreational use of the navigable waters of the Illinois Fox River basin that are located in a river municipality; and (c) increase water and boating safety on the navigable waters of the Illinois Fox River basin that are located in a river municipality.

A county may appropriate money to the commission, and the commission may solicit gifts, grants and other aid to perform other functions. In addition, allocate \$300,000 in 1997-98 from the recreational boating facilities aids appropriation for an engineering study and dredging.

A county or municipality within a county may not reduce its expenditures relating to environmental control of land surfaces below its fiscal year 1998 expenditures if the county or municipality makes the expenditures for the purpose of protecting or rehabilitating the quality of surface waters and groundwaters of the Illinois Fox River basin located in a river municipality.

If the board consents, Racine County, Waukesha County or a municipality served by the Illinois Fox River Commission may empower the commission by ordinance to administer an ordinance that is enacted under this section, whether or not the area otherwise served by the commission includes all of Racine County or Waukesha County.

Note:

The motion would create the Illinois Fox River Water Use Task Force and allocate \$300,000 from the recreational boating facilities aids appropriation (funded at \$5,147,000 annually under SB 77) for an engineering study and dredging.

MO#

1686

1	BURKE	Y	N	A
	DECKER	Y	N	A
	GEORGE	Y	N	A
	JAUCH	Y	N	A
	WINEKE	Y	N	A
	SHIBILSKI	Y	N	A
	COWLES	Y	N	A
	PANZER	Y	N	A

2	JENSEN	Y	N	A
	OURADA	Y	N	A
	HARSDORF	Y	N	A
	ALBERS	Y	N	A
	GARD	Y	N	A
	KAUFERT	Y	N	A
	LINTON	Y	N	A
	COGGS	Y	N	A

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NO

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Fee for Hearing Request

Motion:

Move to delete the \$25 fee charged by DNR for any person requesting a hearing on an application to issue a water regulation permit or other proceedings involving navigable waters, harbors or navigation.

Note:

The \$25 hearing fee was created in 1995 Act 27 as part of an overall change in the Department's water regulation permit fee structure. Under the motion, no fee would be charged for a hearing request. The estimated loss in revenues would be \$600 annually.

[Change to Base: -\$1,200 PR-Revenue]

[Change to Bill: -\$1,200 PR-Revenue]

MO# 1680

BURKE	Y	<u>N</u>	A
DECKER	Y	<u>N</u>	A
GEORGE	Y	N	A
JAUCH	Y	<u>N</u>	A
WINEKE	Y	<u>N</u>	A
SHIBILSKI	<u>Y</u>	N	A
COWLES	<u>Y</u>	N	A
PANZER	<u>Y</u>	N	A
JENSEN	<u>Y</u>	N	A
LOURADA	<u>Y</u>	N	A
HARSDORF	<u>Y</u>	N	A
ALBERS	<u>Y</u>	N	A
GARD	<u>Y</u>	N	A
KAUFERT	Y	<u>N</u>	A
LINTON	<u>Y</u>	N	A
COGGS	<u>Y</u>	N	A

AYE 10 NO 5 ABS 1

NATURAL RESOURCES -- FISH, WILDLIFE AND RECREATIONAL AIDS

ATV Registration Revenue Split

Motion:

Move to delete the requirement that half of ATV registration revenue be used for ATV enforcement and safety purposes and that half be used for ATV trail projects.

MO#

1681

BURKE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	A
DECKER	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	A
GEORGE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> A
JAUCH	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	A
WINEKE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	A
SHIBILSKI	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	A
COWLES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	A
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GARD	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	A
KAUFERT	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	A
LINTON	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	A
COGGS	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	A

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NATURAL RESOURCES -- FISH, WILDLIFE AND RECREATIONAL AIDS

Karner Blue Butterfly HCP Position

Motion:

Move to provide \$42,400 SEG and 1.0 SEG position annually from the forestry account of the conservation fund to implement the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the Karner Blue butterfly, a federally endangered species.

Note:

SB 77 would delete a vacant position in the Bureau of Endangered Resources that DNR had proposed to transfer to Forestry to implement the Karner Blue HCP. The Governor moved the funding associated with the Endangered Resources position to supplies and services for additional support funding for the Karner Blue butterfly HCP. DNR would have to reallocate a vacant position for implementation of the HCP. This motion would restore the vacant position, transfer it to Forestry and fund it with Forestry SEG. The position would monitor implementation of the HCP plan, coordinate the database related to the project and guide cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

[Change to Base: \$84,800 SEG and 1.0 SEG position]

[Change to Bill: \$84,800 SEG and 1.0 SEG position]

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BURKE	Y	N	A
DECKER	Y	N	A
GEORGE	Y	N	A
JAUCH	Y	N	A
WINEKE	Y	N	A
SHIBILSKI	Y	N	A
COWLES	Y	N	A
PANZER	Y	N	A
JENSEN	Y	N	A
OURADA	Y	N	A
HARSDORF	Y	N	A
ALBERS	Y	N	A
GARD	Y	N	A
KAUFERT	Y	N	A
LINTON	Y	N	A
COGGS	Y	N	A

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To: Joint Committee on Finance

From: Bob Lang, Director
Legislative Fiscal Bureau

ISSUE

Minor Policy and Technical Changes (DNR -- Fish, Wildlife and Recreational Aids)

A. MOTORBOAT GAS TAX TRANSFER

[LFB Summary: Page 386, #5a]

Governor

Provide \$329,400 SEG in 1997-98 and \$617,900 SEG in 1998-99 from the transportation fund to reflect an increase in the funds provided under the motorboat gas tax transfer formula.

Modification to Base

Provide \$190,800 SEG in 1997-98 and \$407,100 SEG in 1998-99 to reflect a reestimate of the gas tax formula transfer.

Explanation: The total amounts to be transferred from the transportation fund to the water resources account are reestimated to be \$8,828,800 in 1997-98 and \$9,045,100 in 1998-99. The reestimates are based on: (a) the actual motor fuel tax rate of 23.8¢ per gallon on April 1, 1997, and an estimated increase under the statutory indexing provisions to 24.0¢ per gallon on April 1, 1998; and (b) the actual 529,938 motorboats registered on January 1, 1997, and an estimated 538,400 motorboats registered on January 1, 1998.

<u>Modification A</u>	<u>SEG</u>
1997-99 FUNDING (Change to Base)	\$597,900
[Change to Bill]	- \$349,400]

B. ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE GAS TAX TRANSFER

[LFB Summary: Page 386, #5c]

Governor

Provide \$80,600 SEG in 1997-98 and \$125,800 SEG in 1998-99 from the transportation fund to reflect an increase in the funds provided under the all-terrain vehicle (ATV) gas tax transfer formula.

Modification to Base

Provide \$84,900 SEG in 1997-98 and \$142,700 SEG in 1998-99 to reflect a reestimate of the gas tax formula transfer.

Explanation: The total amounts to be transferred from the transportation fund to the ATV trail aids account are reestimated to be \$474,700 in 1997-98 and \$532,500 in 1998-99. The reestimates are based on: (a) the actual motor fuel tax rate of 23.7¢ per gallon on February 28, 1997, and a rate of 23.8¢ per gallon on February 28, 1998; and (b) the actual 80,111 ATVs registered on February 28, 1997, and an estimated 89,500 ATVs registered on February 28, 1998.

Modification B				SEG
1997-99 FUNDING (Change to Base)				\$227,600
[Change to Bill]				\$21,200]

MO#	<u>modification</u>			
BURKE	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A	
DECKER	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A	
GEORGE	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A	
JAUCH	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A	
WINEKE	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	a
SHIBILSKI	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A	
COWLES	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A	
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ALBERS	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A	
GARD	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A	
KAUFERT	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A	
LINTON	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A	
COGGS	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A	

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DNR -- FISH, WILDLIFE AND RECREATIONAL AIDS

Cumulative Preference

Motion:

Move to require DNR to utilize a cumulative preference system for those species for which permits are issued (deer hunters choice, bobcat, otter, fisher trapper, Canada goose, wild turkey, sharp-tailed grouse).

Note:

In 1997 Wisconsin Act 1, a cumulative preference system was authorized for bear permits.

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BURKE	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
2 DECKER	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
GEORGE	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
JAUCH	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
WINEKE	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
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HARSDORF	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
ALBERS	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
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LINTON	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
COGGS	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Fish, Wildlife and Recreational Aids

LFB Summary Items for Which No Issue Papers Have Been Prepared

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Title</u>
1	Hunting and Fishing License Fee Increases
4	Licensing Costs
8	Wildlife Management Reductions
11	Sturgeon Spearing Permits
15	All-Terrain Vehicle Program
16	Recreational Boating Aids Lapse
17	Local Boating Enforcement Aids Appropriation
19	Recreational Boating Projects -- Trash Collectors
20	Mobile Data Computer Network
21	Car-Killed Deer Removal
22	Karner Blue Butterfly Habitat Conservation Plan
23	Endangered Resources Revenue Changes

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BURKE	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
DECKER	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
GEORGE	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
JAUCH	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
WINEKE	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
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OURADA	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
HARSDORF	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
ALBERS	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
GARD	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
KAUFERT	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
LINTON	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A
COGGS	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	A

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LFB Summary Items for Introduction as Separate Legislation

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Title</u>
9	Bow Hunter Education Course
10	Sale and Distribution of Animal Carcasses
12	Trespass Law